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LETTER DATED 20 DECEMBER 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 5 October and 27 November 1999, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 5 October-27 November 1999

1. 5 October 1999

At 1800 hours two Iranians wearing military uniforms fired rounds from a GC rifle towards the Sayhah guard post at coordinates 9763 and the Arfan guard post at coordinates 9895, both of which are close to the border line.

2. 9 October 1999

At 1045 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen in the border strip opposite the Karmishiyah guard post at coordinates 1046, flying in the direction of the Iranian interior. At 1550 hours a military helicopter was seen flying along the border strip between the Ta'an guard post at coordinates 31657 and the Iranian guard posts.

3. 9 October 1999

At 1110 hours an Iranian helicopter coming from the Iranian interior was seen opposite coordinates 5939. Keeping two kilometres inside Iranian territory, it flew north at low altitude, following the border line. At 1120 hours it returned to the Iranian interior.

4. 12 October 1999

At 1050 hours a military helicopter was seen flying towards Khosrowabad from Abadan. It overflew the Shatt al-Arab before returning in the opposite direction at 1105 hours.

5. 12 October 1999

At 1020 hours two khaki-coloured Iranian helicopters were seen at coordinates 103818 approaching from behind the chain of hills in the Iranian interior. They flew around on the Iranian side of the border line for a period of 10 minutes.

6. 13-15 October 1999

The Iranian side installed metal posts and constructed observation posts at coordinates 283686 south of the Karun river at coordinates 289678, opposite the Munkat'ah and Mutaww'ah areas at coordinates 296666 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). They used a pontoon carrying seven persons, tugs and patrol boats.

7. 18 October 1999

At 1700 hours the Iranian side erected six 80-pound tents around the Iranian guard post opposite the Shahabi post at coordinates 3543.

8. 24 October 1999

At 1630 hours the Iranian side fired GC rifle rounds from the observation tower opposite our units at coordinates 9372.

9. 2 November 1999

At 1245 hours a helicopter was observed three kilometres inside Iranian airspace opposite our units at coordinates 5539, flying at low altitude along the border towards the north. At 1255 hours the helicopter returned to the Iranian interior.

10. 3 November 1999

At 1000 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed flying at an altitude of 250 metres in the Shayb area one kilometre from the border line. At 1015 hours the helicopter returned to the Iranian interior.

11. 3 November 1999

At 1000 hours armed Iranian military personnel in modern vehicles were observed on the road to the Zayn-Qaws junction.

12. 7 November 1999

At 0900 hours the Iranian side, using a Kaz-66 vehicle, moved blocks in two stages to the Qort Sadaf area along the Wand river at coordinates 4901 inside Iranian territory.

13. 11 November 1999

At 0900 hours a group of six Iranian personnel were seen working on post No. 378 at coordinates 5297 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz). They worked throughout the day and stopped work at nightfall.

14. 11 November 1999

At 0610 hours the Iranian side sent reinforcements to post No. 378 at coordinates 525974 and demanded that Iraqi units should leave the area, claiming that it was Iranian territory.

15. 11 November 1999

At 0530 hours a sizeable infantry force was observed seizing post No. 378. The operation was concluded at 0600 hours.

16. 14 November 1999

At 0845 hours a helicopter was observed flying from the Iranian interior. It landed at the Shush border post at coordinates 657276, in the area opposite the Wahab border post at coordinates 2126. At 0905 it returned by the same route to the Iranian interior.

17. 21 November 1999

At 1530 hours a camouflaged helicopter was observed opposite Shihabi guard post at coordinates 1081, flying along the border strip inside Iranian territory in the direction of the city of Mehran. At 1540 hours the helicopter returned to the Iranian interior.

18. 21 November 1999

At 1030 hours four Iranian soldiers were observed using reinforced materials (corrugated iron) to build two new guard posts between the Iranian posts of Natkab at coordinates 5399 and Tappeh at coordinates 5495 (1:100,000 map of Kani Baz) along the border strip inside Iranian territory.

19. 22 November 1999

At 0905 hours an Iranian aircraft was observed flying along the border strip in the Iranian territory opposite the Tib and Fakkah regions. The aircraft subsequently disappeared.

20. 22 November 1999

At 1130 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed one kilometre from the border opposite our units at coordinates 9078. The helicopter later returned to the Iranian interior.

21. 25 November 1999

At 1450 hours a Hughes helicopter was observed flying in the direction of Fakkah from the area behind the international border opposite the Wahab post at coordinates 5150. It then returned to the Iranian interior.

22. 25 November 1999

At 1125 hours a helicopter was observed opposite our units at coordinates 9178, flying at low altitude along the border in a northerly direction, one kilometre inside Iranian territory. Having reached a point opposite coordinates 9102, it returned to the Iranian interior.

23. 26 November 1999

At 1425 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed opposite our units at coordinates 9773, flying at medium altitude east to west, then north along the border line, from which it was 50 metres distant. Having reached a point opposite coordinates 9002, it returned to the Iranian interior.

24. 27 November 1999

At 1215 hours an Iranian helicopter of which the upper part was green in colour and the lower part white was observed approaching from behind Jabal Thaluk, from the city of Mehran. It flew over the Iranian guard posts twice

before returning to the Iranian interior and disappearing behind the mountain opposite the Darraji post at coordinates 1017 (1:100,000 map of Zurbatiyah).

25. 27 November 1999

The Iranians completed the installation of the metal posts opposite the Jiyadiah area at coordinates 436521 (1:100,000 map of Saybah). They also placed a row of fortification pillars between the other posts. Two launches towed a pontoon which was carrying an electric generator, welding equipment and six persons in civilian clothes.